**Applying as a Skilled Worker**

* [Schedule 3: Economic Classes [IMM 0008 SCHEDULE 3]](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/imm0008_3e.pdf)
* [Additional Family Information [IMM 5406]  (PDF, 79 KB)](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5406E.pdf)
* [Supplementary Information - Your travels [IMM 5562]  (PDF, 21 KB)](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5562E.PDF)
* [Separation Declaration for Minors Travelling to Canada [IMM 5604]  (PDF, 21 KB)](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5604E.PDF)
* [Statutory Declaration of Common-law Union [IMM 5409]  (PDF, 19 KB)](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5409E.PDF)
* [Fee Payment Form – Application for Permanent Residence – Federal Skilled Worker   
  [IMM 5620]  (PDF, 26 KB)](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5620E.pdf)
* [Use of a Representative [IMM 5476]  (PDF, 55 KB)](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5476E.PDF)
* [Instruction Guide [IMM EG7000]](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/EG7TOC.asp)

Applications for permanent residence under the Federal Skilled Worker Class can be submitted by foreign nationals who are skilled workers and professionals.

**New:**

The Federal Skilled Worker program has a new eligibility stream that is open to international students who are pursuing or who have completed doctoral (PhD) studies at Canadian institutions. Please read the instructions for more information.

**Important:**

**New forms and an updated Instruction Guide and Document Checklist (IMM 5612) are now available.** Applicants should follow the new Instruction Guide when preparing to submit an application

Federal skilled worker applications received by the Centralized Intake Office (CIO) after November 14, 2011 **must** be prepared using the updated instruction guide and*Document Checklist* (IMM 5612) or they will be returned as incomplete.

The CIO will continue to accept the *Application for Permanent Residence in Canada*(IMM0008) until March 31, 2012. After that date, only the new version of the *Generic Application Form for Canada* (IMM 0008) will be accepted and all previous versions will be returned to applicants.

**Note:**As of July 18, 2011, applicants for Permanent Residence are asked to complete the new *Generic Application Form for Canada* (IMM 0008). Applicants are encouraged to complete the form electronically and validate the information to generate 2D barcodes before printing. To ensure you have the most recent application form, please use the link to the application form.

There are two other programs for skilled workers who want to become permanent residents. They are as follows:

* [Provincial Nominee](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/provincial/apply-application.asp); and
* [Quebec Skilled Workers](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/quebec/apply-application.asp).

**How to use this application package**

**Read the instruction guide to complete your application forms**

* Use the new *Generic Application Form for Canada* [IMM 0008]. It can be completed and saved on a computer. You will need**Adobe Reader 8.1** or higher.
* Filling the form electronically is easier and reduces the risk of errors that can slow down the application process.
* Trouble downloading? Right-click on the link and select ‘Save Target As…’

http://www.cic.gc.ca/images/check.jpg

**Complete**, **validate**, **print**, **sign** and **date** your application forms

To ensure you submit all the pages:

**IMM 0008:**

1. Click on the “Validate” button at the top or bottom of the form.

**Note:** Validating the form before printing ensures you have answered all the questions and will avoid delays in processing your application.

1. A last page with barcodes and a signature line will automatically be created.
2. Print, sign and date the form.
   * Print on white, bond-quality and non-glossy paper
   * Use of a laser printer is recommended
3. Place the barcode page on the top of each individual package.

**Other forms:**

Use the Document Checklist to make sure you include all the other forms and documents you need.

http://www.cic.gc.ca/images/printer.jpg

**Pay** the fees

Complete the Fee Payment Form – Application for Permanent Residence – Federal Skilled Worker (IMM 5620)

**Important:** If you are a resident of a country served by one of the following visa offices: **Caracas, Havana, Moscow, Nairobi, and Vienna** AND are unable to pay in Canadian Funds, visit the responsible visa office website for fee payment instructions and to obtain the fee payment form.

http://www.cic.gc.ca/images/pay.jpg

**Mail** your fully completed application to the [Centralized Intake Office (CIO) in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/canada/sydney.asp).

http://www.cic.gc.ca/images/mail.jpg

[Find out more about the barcode form](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/additional.asp).